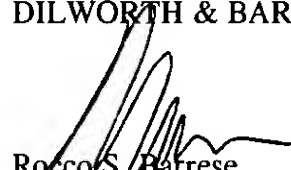


Further to page 7 of the Preliminary Amendment filed September 17, 1999, an executed Declaration by the joint inventor Masaaki Yamanaka is enclosed.

Early, favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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